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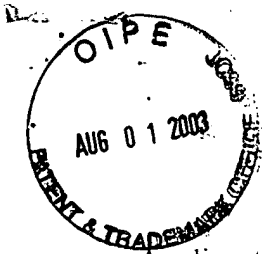
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Serial No. : 09/745,786      Examiner : Mark Eashoo  
Filed : December 21, 2000  
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Please correct the Filing Receipt for the above-referenced application to include the priority information as follows:

**This application is a divisional of U.S. application serial no. 09/194,898, filed March 17, 1999, which is a U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT application US97/09868, filed June 6, 1997, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. application serial no. 08/659,368, filed June 6, 1996 and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,900,350.**

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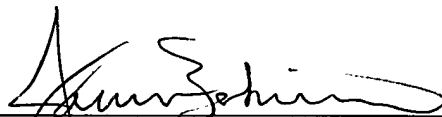
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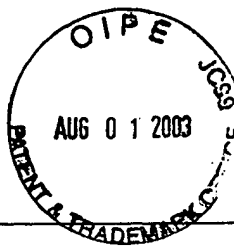
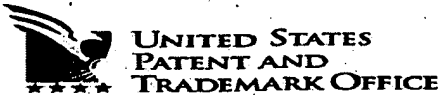


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**Assignment For Published Patent Application**

Velcro Industries B.V. a Netherlands Corporation;

**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

This application is a DIV of 09/194,898 03/17/1999 PAT 6,163,939;  
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Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

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**Title:** MOLDING OF FASTENERING HOOKS AND OTHER DEVICES

The prior application is assigned of record to Velcro Industries B.V.,  
a Netherlands corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and  
Trademark Office and recorded on October 12, 1999 at 010302/0193.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
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- Copies of Petition to Correct Inventorship and Submission of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, which were filed in the parent application. Please enter these in this application.
- Substitute Specification, 36 pages, Abstract, 1 Page
- Preliminary amendment, 6 pages.
- Postcard.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/194,898, filed December 4, 1998, which claims priority, through PCT application US97/09868, filed June 6, 1997 and designating the United States, from U.S.S.N. 08/659,368, filed June 6, 1996 and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,900,350. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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